

## **Missouri Right to Life Press Release**

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### **U.S Supreme Court Overturns Law Requiring Commonsense Safety Requirements**

"Missouri Right to Life is profoundly disappointed in the U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning the Texas law that requires protective measures for women seeking abortion. Missouri passed similar laws in 2005. These laws requiring that an abortionist have hospital privileges within 30 miles of the abortion clinic and that abortion clinics follow the same procedures as all ambulatory surgical centers are common sense safety measures and not undue burdens," said Steve Rupp, President of Missouri Right to Life.

President Rupp continued, "This decision allows the abortion industry to operate unsafe clinics with little oversight. The court ignored recent cases of medical negligence, manslaughter and murder carried out in abortion clinics in Pennsylvania and Texas. Today the court advanced the abortion agenda over the protection of women's health."

The National Right to Life president Carol Tobias says, "How shabby are these abortion clinics that they cannot meet the minimum standards other outpatient surgical centers are required to meet, and just how bad are these abortionists that they can't get admitting privileges at a local hospital? As we saw with Kermit Gosnell in Philadelphia, it's clear that the lucrative abortion industry is not able or willing to police itself and allows filthy, deplorable conditions to go unchecked."

Missouri Right to Life will continue to work to pass legislation to protect innocent babies and women" Rupp concluded.